

## Liberty Bell To Ring Again

# Mississippi Baptist Convention Scheduled Nov. 11-13 At Jackson's First Church

Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell, used as a symbol of freedom across the nation since it was dedicated in ceremonies on the capitol steps last May, will ring out for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 11-13.

The bell left the Mississippi capitol steps mounted on the back of a truck provided by Ford Motor Company, on its way to the Southern Baptist Convention in June in Miami Beach, Fla. Its route took it to Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and on into Florida.

For the Mississippi Convention

it has only to go across the street to First Baptist Church, Jackson. It will be the 140th session of the convention.

The theme of this year's Mississippi Baptist Convention is "Give Me a Vision, Lord," according to Dr. John Lee Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business. The theme will tie in with Baptists' emphasis for the next 10 years that has been termed "A Decade of Advance," Dr. Taylor said.

The nation's bicentennial observance will be a part of convention procedure and on Thursday the bell will remind messengers of the

approaching 200th birthday. A feature of each session will be dedicated to "This Moment in History."

A highlight of the convention each year is the annual sermon. This year's sermon will be preached by Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton. The preacher and an alternate is chosen each year. The alternate is Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church in Clarksdale.

Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and will sound the

gavel to open the annual meeting Nov. 11 at 9 a.m. Shortly thereafter he will deliver the annual president's address, the first message of the convention.

Five speakers from out of state have been named to appear on the convention program. They are Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, a faculty member at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Dr. W. C. Fields, assistant to the Executive Secretary and the director of public relations for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, Nashville; Dr. Paul Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission; and Dr. Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Four Mississippi pastors will speak during features of the program called "Bible Treasure." They are Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian; Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Carthage; and Rev. Frank Polard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

On Tuesday evening Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will lead an emphasis on the Cooperative Program and a state missions feature.

A new movie on the work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi," will be previewed. Following the convention it will be available for showing in churches.

The many facets of the work of Mississippi Baptists will be dealt with through four panel presentations, using the heads of the various agencies and programs to explain their functions. The panel convenors will be Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor of Prentiss Baptist Church in Prentiss; Rev. Larry Kennedy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amory; Rev. William Evans, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Albany; and Dr. Paul Aultman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs.

Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and will give the board report to the convention.

Special musical presentations will be major items on the convention program. Choirs from Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and First Baptist Church in Leland will sing as will a women's trio from First Baptist Church, Newton.

Individuals who will present musical selections will be Jim Raymick, Gary Anglin, Bill Clark, and Mrs. Dawn Gandy of Jackson; Jan Ramsay, a student at Mississippi College, and Dr. Robert McCord of Tupelo; Mrs. Larry Ezell of Newton; Mrs. Joe Waggener of Crystal Springs; Mrs. Granville Myrick of Kosciusko; and Mrs. Ray Denton of Meridian.

The organist will be Robert Lee, the pianist Mrs. Frank Hart, and the assistant pianist Mrs. David Roddy, all members of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

In addition to Dr. Richardson the other officers of the convention are Marvin Graham of Mt. Olive, first vice-president; Rev. Mose Dangerfield of Biloxi, second vice-president; Horace Kerr of Jackson, recording secretary; and Rev. W. Tom Baddley of

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## Dallas Association Ousts Charismatic Churches

By Dan Martin

DALLAS (BP) — The nation's largest association of Southern Baptist churches has ousted two of its member churches because they have charismatic ministries.

More than 1,000 elected messengers to the annual meeting of the Dallas Baptist Association listened to about an hour of often hostile debate before voting to exclude Beverly Hills Baptist Church, Dallas, and Shady Grove Baptist Church, Grand Prairie.

Although no record exists to document how many associations in

the 12.5-million-member Southern Baptist Convention have taken action against charismatics, the Cincinnati Baptist Association voted in early October to refuse to seat messengers of two charismatic churches.

In the Cincinnati Association, the vote to "disfellowship" Saylor Park and Oak Hills Baptist Churches was based on a feeling that their doctrinal teachings and practice were "erroneous and disrupted fellowship," according to outgoing moderator, Leonard Quick of Milford, Ohio. In the Dal-

las situation, a spokesman said the two churches were in error but said ouster is a matter of fellowship, not doctrine.

C. E. Colton, chairman of the Dallas Association's credentials committee and pastor of Royal Haven Baptist Church, told messengers refusal to seat the messengers would mean they will no longer be considered "cooperating bodies in our association."

Such action in no way prevents churches from keeping ties with state and national SBC levels.

Messengers defeated a substitute motion which would have seated the churches, as well as a motion to table before refusing to seat representatives of the two Dallas churches.

The meeting marked the first time the association has identified the two churches publicly. Last year, the association passed a strongly worded resolution asking unnamed churches with charismatic ministries to straighten up or "voluntarily withdraw."

At the 1975 meeting, Colton named the churches and said they "have openly practiced the present day phenomena of glossolalia and public faith healing services

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## Bob Adams To Be Christian Action Dinner Speaker

Dr. Bob E. Adams, associate professor of social ethics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak at the annual dinner of the Christian Action Commission, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director. Chairman Bill Duncan will

preside. Dr. Adams' subject will be "Responsible Freedom."

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## Home Mission Study Institute Nov. 18 At Camp Garaywa

The Home Mission Study Institute to be held at Camp Garaywa, Nov. 18, will feature teaching techniques for all books in the current graded series for Home Missions.

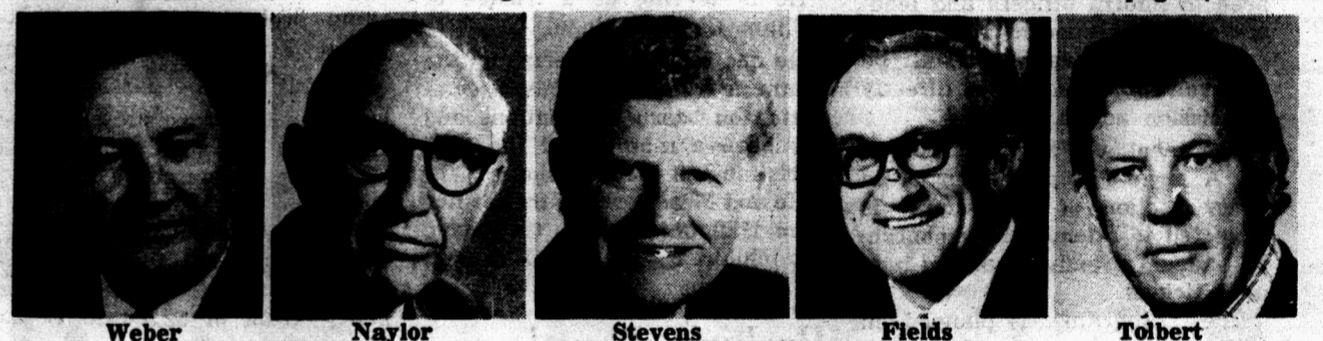
Presenting teaching helps and suggestions for the various study books will be:

TOMORROW STARTS TODAY, for adults — Ethel McKeithen and Frances Shaw, State WMU Office

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## Pastors' Retreat October 27-29

The Baptist Pastors' Retreat at Camp Garaywa will be Oct. 27-29. The retreat will open at 10 a.m. on Oct. 27 and close with lunch on Oct. 29. A previous story indicated that the dates for the retreat were Oct. 27-28.



## HMB Names Search Group, Appoints Mississippians

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist Home Mission Board officers named a seven-member committee of five pastors and two laypersons from five states to nominate a successor to executive director Arthur B. Rutledge who retires Dec. 31, 1976.

In other action, the directors increased the interest rate on Home Mission Board loans, and named two staff members, including the first woman to head a Home Mission Board division.

They also approved an upward adjustment in the 1976 budget to

\$22,989,833, approved two staff structure adjustments, and appointed 30 missionaries and missionary associates.

Garry and Mary Elizabeth Breland of Wiggins were appointed missionary associates.

Breland will serve as a student intern at the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans while a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Both the Brelands are graduates of William Carey College.

The committee, announced at the directors' fall meeting here, includes Gene Garrison, chairman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; M. Dale Allen, pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. I. W. Bowen III, Forsyth, Ga.; Al-

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## Annual Brotherhood Banquet November 10 At Parkway

The State Brotherhood Banquet will be held Nov. 10 at Parkway Baptist Church, 2603 W. Capitol St., Jackson.

The program begins at 2:30 p.m. with conferences which will



Dan McBride

deal with Mission Action Involvement for the entire church Brotherhood program. Leaders for the conference for Associational Brotherhood Leadership Conference will be Dan West, Guy Culver, and Ervin Brown. The Baptist Men's Leadership Conference will be led by Nat Bullock, James McLemore and Paul Vandercook, while the leaders for the Royal Ambassador Leadership Conference will be C. H. Locklin and Tim Fields.

Dan West is director of missions for Simpson Association, Guy Culver is director of missions for Union County Association, and Ervin Brown is director of missions for DeSoto Association. Nat Bullock is Brotherhood director for Hinds - Madison Association, James McLemore is pastor of 38th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and Paul Vandercook is director of language ministries for the Gulf Coast area. C. H. Locklin is pastor of Westview Baptist Church in Jackson, and Tim Fields is RA consultant with the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.

All directors of associational missions, associational Brotherhood directors, church Brotherhood directors, Baptist Men's Mission Action and Mission Study leaders, and Royal Ambassador leaders are encouraged to attend.

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## Perry C. Perkins Named Church-Minister Relations Director

Dr. Perry C. Perkins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss., has been named director of the Church-Minister Relations Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The announcement of the selection of Dr. Perkins was made by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the board, following action

by the board's Executive Committee.

In his new position Dr. Perkins will assist churches and those in vocational religious work in making contacts leading toward placement.

The new department, with its new director, will begin operations on Nov. 1.

Dr. Perkins has been pastor of the Greenwood church for 10 years. Previous pastorates have been at the First Baptist churches in Goodman, in Booneville, and in West Point.

He was ordained to the ministry by First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi State University and Southern Seminary and has the doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College.

During World War II he served three years as an Army chaplain reaching the rank of major.

Dr. Perkins has been a member of the Convention Board and vice-chairman of its Executive Committee, a member of the long-range study committee, a trustee

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## Property Named Central Hills Baptist Retreat

The new Baptist encampment property near Kosciusko has been given a name by the committee charged with its development. It will be called the Central Hills Baptist Retreat.

The 360-acre site is located some eight miles northwest of Kosciusko just off Highway 19. It is immediately north of Springdale Baptist Church, which is located on Highway 19.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, director of missions in Attala County and chairman of the committee to develop the camp, said the name was selected to give recognition both to the location of the property and the use for which it will be designated.

Construction of a 16.5-acre lake is under way. The committee expects to employ an architect by Nov. 1, Dr. Moore said. It is hoped that early in 1976 a contract can be let for construction of all of the buildings in Phase 1 of the development. This initial phase

will be a boys' camp with facilities for 200 in attendance. It will include a dining room, living quarters, swimming pool, and a variety of sports areas.

In addition to Dr. Moore, com-

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## Parking, Shuttle Bus Ready For Convention

Adequate parking for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 11-13 will be available on the state fairgrounds about five blocks east of First Baptist Church, according to Rev. W. Benton Preston, a member of the convention's Committee on Order of Business.

In addition to the parking provisions, a shuttle bus will

carry convention goers to the church for the meetings, Rev. Preston said.

By agreement with H. H. Anson, executive secretary of the Mississippi State Fair, parking will be available on Nov. 11 and 12 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There should be no trouble for convention par-

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# College Students To Gather For Convention At Meridian

Baptist college students from all across Mississippi will gather at the First Baptist Church in Meridian Friday for their 51st annual convention.



The meeting will get under way at 7 p.m., continue throughout Saturday, and close with a worship service at 8:28 a.m. Sunday.

**Pilgrim** Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell will be at the church to open and close the Saturday and Sunday sessions.

The bell will accent the theme of the convention, "Living Christ's Freedom."

Some 900 Baptist students from campuses all over the state are expected to register for the convention, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Steve Pilgrim of Memphis, a student at Mississippi State University, is president of the statewide organization of Baptist students and will preside during the convention.

The Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, will deliver the keynote address entitled "America's Greatest Challenge," during the session this evening. Another speaker for the evening is Dr. Chester E. Swor of Jackson, a nationally known author and lecturer.

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor of the Eastdale Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., will present the Bible studies for the convention. He will speak on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening.

Other Saturday speakers will include Mrs. Sibyl B. Warren, dean of student at Blue Mountain College; C. William Junker, staff member with the National Student Ministries of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board; and C. Welton Gaddy, director for

Christian Citizenship Development for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Director of music for the convention will be Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The assistant director will be Mrs. Nan Grantham, assistant in the department. The pianist will be Pat Tidmore; and the organists will be Chuck Endsley and Susan Rayburn, both of William Carey College.

Conference periods will be conducted on Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. On Saturday morning only Dr. Swor will lead a conference on developing a personal devotional life.

Other conferences will be both morning and afternoon. They will be as follows:

Creative Worship, Dan C. Hall and Mrs. Nan Grantham; Sharing BSU with the Whole Campus, C. William Junker; Worth, Freedom and Responsibility of the Christian Student, Dr. Joe N. McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus; When Fancy Turns to Love, Mrs. Sibyl Warren; Christian Freedom and Moral Decisions, C. Welton Gaddy; The Christian Woman in Today's World, Mrs. Irene Shurden; Foreign Missions, Dr. Keith Parks, Foreign Mission Board, and Nancy Chamberlain; Home Mission, Emery Smith, Home Mission Board; and Free to be a Churchman—Election or Required? Bill T. Nimmons, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Dr. Parks will present the concluding message in a worship service on Sunday morning.



## Bound For The BSU Convention

BSU CONVENTION BOUND are William Carey College students who will travel to Meridian for the annual Baptist Student Union meeting Oct. 24-25. Among the hundreds of Mississippi students who attend the annual meeting, Carey students are always in abundance. A few going this year pose above from left: Kathy Hawkins, Kathy Clawson, Ken Kim Chen, and Beverly Lawrence. Seated, Al Fike and Rosa Chavez. The Carey College singing group, The Carpenter's Wood, will perform for the convention on Friday evening, Oct. 24.

## Perry C. Perkins Named To Church-Minister Relations

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for Baptist Children's Village, chairman of the committee on order of business, and first vice-president of the state convention.

He is serving as a trustee of William Carey College.

He has served two terms on the Southern Baptist Convention committee on board nominations and has been a member of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

He and Mrs. Perkins, the former Sara Hall of Lavonia, Ga., have two children — Mary Elizabeth

and Perry C. Jr.

In other action the committee accepted the bid of Bailey Construction Company for \$38,741 for the construction of a lake on the camp property near Kosciusko; authorized the expenditure of \$40,600 from the state missions offering for a 10.15-acre site for a new church in south Jackson; okayed \$3,000 for the purchase of television time for the movie, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi," which is a story of Baptist work in Mississippi; and made an emergency grant of \$2,500 to Locust Street Baptist Church in McComb because of the destruction of the church facilities by fire.

## Bob Adams - - -

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Dr. Adams has served as a pastor in Oklahoma and Tennessee and for 12 years served as missionary to Chile and Colombia, the last four years at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali, and as adjunct professor at the University in Cali.

The dinner meeting will be held in the Baptist Building Sky Room Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Special recognition will be given to the commission members whose terms expire. They are Dr. David Owen, Dr. Charles E. Myers, Mr. Gerald Kees, and Rev. Bill Duncan.

## Property Named - - -

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mittee members are Murray Alexander, a planter of Greenville; Hayes Callicott, an attorney of Jackson; Joe Pigott, a circuit judge in McComb; and R. F. Robinson, a contractor in Fulton.

Ex officio members are Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Acting in advisory capacities are Rev. Elmer Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Paul Harrell, associate in the department; and Jim Coile, landscape engineer with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

## Dallas Association Ousts Charismatic Churches

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in which people are declared healed.

He said the practices "represent a rather radical departure from what Southern Baptists have historically believed about biblical gifts and doctrines, thus indicating that they are in doctrinal error and are no longer in harmony with our historical Baptist practices." Colton specified, however, that the ouster is on the basis of fellowship rather than doctrine.

Quick said the Cincinnati Association action was based on the churches' "erroneous doctrinal teaching on the Baptism of the Spirit being a second work of grace, unscriptural use of tongues (practicing unknown tongues in a public session), and practice of baptizing people who were not becoming members of churches."

Colton said the Dallas action did not "come up all of a sudden," is not aimed at dictating to local churches what their practices should be, and is not prompted by "ill will or malice or hatred." Quick noted a special committee had studied the Cincinnati situation for a year before recommending unfellowshipping.

After Colton made his recommendation, A. Douglas Watterson, pastor of Cliff Temple Baptist Church — the city's second largest Baptist congregation — presented a substitute motion. It was drafted by leaders from seven of the largest churches in the city: Cliff Temple; Highland; First, Richardson; First, Oak Cliff; Gaston Avenue; Wilshire; and Park Cities.

It said there is a "wide difference of opinion" about speaking in tongues and healing, and said there is "broad disagreement" about interpretation of scripture.

"Nevertheless, we acknowledge that the gifts of tongues and healing are validated by the New Testament as legitimate gifts of the Holy Spirit," the motion read.

Watterson said, however, that the motion is not an endorsement of the present phenomenon. It noted some problem areas, but called for the seating of all messengers, including Beverly Hills and Shady Grove.

Howard Conatser, pastor of Beverly Hills Baptist Church, was not present for the associational meeting. Contacted in Monroe, La., where he was preaching a revival, he said he believes the vote "has brought greater division to the Dallas Baptist Association than the charismatic movement. I never dreamed I would see the day the Dallas Baptist Association would withdraw fellowship from a sister church for believing and preaching the word of God."

"It is the historical tradition of Baptists that every church has the right to its own interpretation of the Bible."

Olen Griffing, pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, said the church has done nothing "extrabiblical or unscriptural. I am grieved that my brethren would vote not to fellowship with us because we choose to practice what the Bible clearly states as valid."

## Home Mission - - -

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FLIGHT No. 1994, for youth — Marilyn Hopkins, State WMU Office

MISSIONS IN A MEGALOPOLIS, for older children — Mrs. Jewell Smith, Brookhaven

CIRCUS TENT SUMMER, for younger children — Waudine Storey, State WMU Office

SEE WHAT I SEE, an undated unit, suggested for use with preschoolers — Mrs. Helen Allan, WMU, SBC, Birmingham

Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge, author of TOMORROW STARTS TODAY, will be presenting information to the entire group concerning missions in the third century, the general topic for the Home Mission emphasis for 1976.

The institute will begin at 10 a.m. and will conclude at 2 p.m.

For information or registration blanks, contact the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Not Realistic

Most parents are optimists — they expect more from their children than they can deliver.

## New Work Started In El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador

—A new Baptist book store which opened to the public here recently is operated by the first Southern Baptist missionaries to be stationed in this country.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester S. Cadwallader Jr., who have served in Guatemala for 23 years, arrived here after the El Salvadorian Baptist Association requested workers.

## HMB Names Search Group

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fred Bruce Coyle, pastor, Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; John F. Miles, layman, Thomaston, Ga.; James M. Windham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Silver Springs, Md.; and Lloyd Eldeer, who recently left a pastorate in Fort Worth to become assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The seven-member panel — all members of the board's directors — was named by officers of the board in keeping with the agency's bylaws. President Russell H. Dillard said the committee has been asked to work toward bringing a nominee before the board in July, 1976, so the executive director-elect could have a period of orientation before Rutledge's retirement.

Garrison, the committee chairman, said Southern Baptists interested in communicating with the committee should do so in writing. His address is 1201 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73103.

The Oklahoma City pastor said that the consensus of a preliminary meeting of the committee was, "We all feel this position in the next 25 years is the most strategic in our convention. We ask your prayers. We are going to be hard at work giving it our intense, careful, and best effort."

Rutledge announced that the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions receipts had reached \$8,207,782 through October 14 and were running 5.69 percent ahead of the 1974 pace.

The total offering in 1974 was \$8,130,000. Goal for 1975 is 8.5 million.

The interest rate on Home Mission Board loans was increased from 9 to 9.5 percent "in light of current economic conditions." The change will be effective with November business, said loans committee chairman John Miles.

New staff members elected were Hattie P. Johnson and J. C. Bradley.

Mrs. Johnson, director of payroll and employee benefits services since 1971, was named director of the division of business services. She has been acting director of the division since the resignation of Dan McQueen earlier this year and will be the first woman to head a Home Mission Board division.

Bradley was elected director of the department of associational administration service in the division of associational missions, effective Nov. 15. He succeeds F. Russell Bennett, who resigned to become director of field education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bradley has been associate director for extension center education for the Seminary Extension Department of the six SBC seminaries in Nashville since 1972.

The staff structure adjustments involved discontinuing the department of survey and special studies and shifting staff persons assigned to that department to the missions and evangelism sections, and separating the management and financial responsibilities of the division of business services. Management responsibilities would be assigned to the director of the division and the financial duties assigned to the new position of comptroller.

In his annual report to the board, Executive Director Rutledge noted that through the year the board has appointed 299 persons to missionary service and the missionary force as of Sept. 30 totaled 2,082, a gain of seven over the total at the same date in 1974.

Rutledge said the emphasis over the last two years had been on holding the missionary force at present levels while bringing their salaries closer to the national median income.

With that accomplished, he said, the missionary force could be expected to show a net gain of 50 to 75 a year over the next few years.

## Annual Brotherhood

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This is a new approach in mission study at the state level. In previous years the approach has been to inform officers and leaders of their responsibilities. This year the entire approach will be to involve men and boys directly in mission action.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m. A large group of men from every section of Mississippi is expected to attend. Many churches have already requested banquet tickets.

The program is planned in such a way as to provide fellowship, fun, food, and inspiration.

Dan McBride, noted satirist from Jacksonville, Texas, will be the banquet feature. He is billed as preacher-comedian.

Those planning to attend the banquet should make reservations by sending \$2 per person to the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

## Mississippi Baptists

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Brandon, associate recording secretary.

In addition to Dr. Taylor the members of the committee on order of business are Dr. Kitchings, Rev. Clark W. McMurray of Pascagoula, Rev. W. Benton Preston of Jackson, Dr. Bob N. Ramsay of Tupelo, and Dr. Sarah Rouse of Clinton.



## Panel Convenors

The four panel convenors who will moderate much of the reporting by agencies and departments of work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and its board during the convention, are shown above. They are, left to right, Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor of First Baptist Church, Prentiss; Rev. Larry Kennedy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Amory; Rev. William Evans, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Albany; and Dr. Paul Aultman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs.

# Corrie ten Boom Traveling Companion Schedules Talks

JACKSON, Miss. — Ellen de Kroon, the traveling companion of Corrie ten Boom, who will speak in the Mississippi Coliseum, Sunday, Oct. 26, has herself had a most adventurous career and will speak four times in Hinds County in connection with the visit of Miss ten Boom.

Corrie ten Boom, author of the best seller, "The Hiding Place," and internationally known Christian, will be the featured speaker at the Coliseum at 2:45 p.m., according to James E. Carr, Jackson, chairman of the Mississippi Billy Graham Crusade Committee, which is sponsoring her appearance.

"The Hiding Place" is the story of her most unusual life.

The meeting is open to the public and there will be no tickets required or admission charged, Carr said, adding that the meet-



Ellen de Kroon

ing will be concluded about 4 o'clock so those attending would have ample time to get to their evening church programs.

"The Hiding Place" has been made into a motion picture by the Billy Graham Film Ministry and is scheduled to be shown in Mississippi in March of 1976, according to Carr.

Ellen de Kroon was born in Rotterdam, Holland, at the beginning of World War II and was a member of a family considered religious.

Her meeting with Corrie was a unusual and considered miraculous as Corrie, when she first saw Ellen, exclaimed, "Isn't it beautiful that Jesus is giving you to me?"

Just before her secretary left to get married, Corrie fell and broke her arm. When Ellen went to pick her up at the hospital, her car slid on ice and crashed into a cement wall. The car was demolished. Their first days of working together saw Corrie with her arm in a cast and Ellen with a concussion. They said they found much comfort in the book of James, first chapter, where he talks about rejoicing in trials.

Ellen's speaking schedule will be as follows: Oct. 25 — "Mother-Daughter" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Kismet Social Tribe at Mississippi College, Clinton; Oct. 27 — Jackson Exchange Club at 12:15 p.m.; Oct. 27 — Chapel at Mississippi College at 10:30 a.m.; Oct. 29 — Prayer Meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, at 7:30 p.m.

## MC To Reveal Alumnus Of Year

The 1975 "Alumnus of the Year" for Mississippi College will be revealed on Oct. 25, as the college stages its annual Homecoming Day activities in conjunction with the 150th anniversary year of the institution.

A record crowd is expected as the 1975 recipient is announced at the annual Alumni Association buffet dinner set for 5 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the J. C. Rogers Student Center. Tickets are now on sale in the alumni office for \$5 each.

Based on distinguished service to the college, church, and community, the award is limited to those, who through a long period of years, have worked with marked intelligence and success to promote the highest interests of Mississippi College and their home communities.

Other features of Homecoming Day will be reunion meetings, special luncheons, a concert by Miss Anita Bryant at 2:30 p.m. on Robinson Field, and the presentation of the Homecoming Court during halftime of the Mississippi College vs. Nicholls (La.) State University football game set for 7:30 p.m.

## Baptist Hymnal Price Increases Coming Jan. 1

Planning to buy the new Baptist Hymnal? You had better plan to get your order in before January 1, according to announcement by Dan Hall of the Church Music Department.

He says that the Sunday School Board has announced price increases averaging 40c per copy on the various editions, effective January 1. Orders received before that time will be filled at the old price.

An example of the price increase is that 50-240 copies of the standard edition at the present time costs \$3.35 per copy but will go up to \$3.75 on January 1.

## Simmons Memorial Church Burns

Simmons Memorial Church, Flora (Madison) burned to the ground Saturday night, October 18. The cause of the fire is as yet undetermined.

The pastor, Rev. Nelson Crozier, states that the building, which was erected in the early 1940's, was insured for \$50,000.

He said that the congregation does not yet know where they will meet until another building can be constructed, but that they are investigating the possibility of borrowing a mobile chapel from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Family Relations Council To Meet

The Mississippi Council on Family Relations will meet at 10 a.m. Nov. 6 at the Holiday Inn, Medical Center, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Christian Action Commission. Dr. Gipson Wells, Mississippi State University, is president. Persons interested in the Family in Mississippi are welcome to join the council by payment of a small membership fee, Dr. Hensley said.



Staff Retreat

Dr. Robert Shurden, standing, makes a point as he leads a discussion at the Baptist Building staff retreat at Camp Garaywa. Dr. Shurden was the only speaker for the all-day meeting. Mississippi College student Bruce Fields entertained the group during lunch.



## Receive "Service To Humanity" Awards

These eight central Mississippi residents received the "Service to Humanity" Award from Mississippi College during special chapel ceremonies as part of the college's 150th anniversary celebration as an educational institution and 125th year under Baptist control. Front, left to right, are Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson; Dr. Darden Reynolds, Clinton; and Dr. Chester Swor, Jackson. Back, left to right, are Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Dr. John McCall, Vicksburg; Mrs. James Fancher, Jackson; Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson; and Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton. The college will issue 150 such awards throughout the sesquicentennial session. (M. C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

## Local Chapter Of Arts Fellowship Is Formed

A state-wide chapter of the Fellowship of Christians in the Arts, Media, and Entertainment is being formed by Darrel Baergen, minister of activities at First Baptist Church, Laurel. Dr. Baergen has studied, taught, and participated in various activities in theatre, film, television, radio, and the arts. His interests include the potential use of all the arts in and through the church, as Christians reach out in new and exciting methods of communications.

"The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide encouragement," Dr. Baergen says, "is interaction, and cooperation among its members and friends in the use of various media as part of the Christian witness in the world."

Opera star, Jerome Hines, is president and founder of this international fellowship. Members include Dale Evans, actress; Betty Elliot, author; Irvin Yeaworth, film and television producer; and numerous other Christians in the entertainment and communication business.

Membership is open to artists,



Dr. and Mrs. Milner

## Milners Celebrate 30th Anniversary At Van Winkle

Sunday, October 5, Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Milner celebrated their 30th Anniversary with Van Winkle Church.

The church surprised the Milners with a pastor appreciation day, reception, and personal gifts from the membership totaling more than \$1,000. During Dr. Milner's pastorate at Van Winkle the membership has grown from a total of 360 to more than 1800, with more than 5500 uniting with the church during the past 30 years.

The total budget for the year 1945 was \$12,689. On the 30th anniversary the church adopted a budget of \$252,000 for the year 1976.

During the past thirty years the church has given more than \$300,000 to mission causes through the Cooperative Program, and almost \$200,000 to designated mission causes.

During Milner's thirty years ministry at Van Winkle, he has led the church in three building programs, and a few weeks ago launched a new building program totaling almost one-half million dollars. This program will include a Family Life Center, additional educational space, and some renovation of the present building.

# East Africa Missionaries Form 2 Organizations

BRACHENHURST BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, Kenya (BP)—Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania) voted at their annual meeting here to form two separate organizations of missionaries.

The missionaries serving in Kenya and Tanzania have been joined administratively into one organization called the East Africa Mission. Effective Jan. 1, 1978, they will have two organizations, the Kenya Baptist Mission and the Tanzania Baptist Mission.

Davis L. Saunders, one of the founders of the East Africa Mission and now the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, said political divisions within the two countries was the reason for the division of the mission.

Southern Baptist Missionary Dale G. Hooper said missionaries hope the reorganization "will improve the effectiveness of Baptist witness in East Africa, and especially assist development of the

two national conventions."

The East Africa Mission was formed in August, 1956, in Oshogbo, Nigeria, with three missionary families. The first missionaries to live in Kenya were the Wimpy Harpers, who moved in October, 1956. The first missionaries in Tanzania were the Davis L. Saunders family, who moved in December, 1956.

Missionaries entered Uganda in 1962, when Dr. and Mrs. Hal Boone began work there. Uganda was a part of the East Africa Mission until 1967 when the Uganda Baptist Mission was formed with seven missionary couples.

During the meeting, the missionaries collected nearly \$5,500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions from the 50 couples and 14 single missionaries present.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Crusades were held here recently by eight Baptist pastors from Trinidad. The men held two crusades each making a total of 18 crusades throughout the country.



Tuten



Taylor



Rester



Maxey

## Baptist Hospital Announces Religious Emphasis Speakers

Religious Emphasis Week will be held at Mississippi Baptist Hospital October 27-29, according to Miss Kathy Bearden, the hospital's BSU director and director of student activities.

Team leaders will be Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson; Mrs. Helen Maxey, Moore, Okla.; and Mrs. Sarah Taylor, of Jackson.

They will counsel individually with students during the three-day schedule and will conduct services each day at 8:30 p.m. During the day, they will speak to students in the various classrooms.

Gene Rester, of the hospital's heart catheterization laboratory, will lead the music throughout the three days.

All three team leaders will present a concert of sacred music in the hospital amphitheatre from 11 a.m. to noon and again from noon to 1 p.m. on October 28. Students and hospital personnel are invited.

The three-day agenda will get under way with a noon luncheon on October 27, with hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor as host, according to Miss Bearden.

## FOR NEW CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS

# NEW CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTOR CONFERENCE

Special conferences have been scheduled next week for those who are for the first time serving as Church Training Director.

### PURPOSE FOR THESE CONFERENCES

To impress upon each new Church Training Director the scope of his/her responsibilities.

To make each new Church Training Director aware of the resources available to help him/her fulfill those responsibilities.

To suggest to new Church Training Directors some definite actions for enlarging and/or improving his/her Church Training program.

### LOCATIONS FOR THESE CONFERENCES

Monday October 27	Tuesday October 28	Thursday October 30	Conference Leader
First Biloxi	First Columbia	First Carthage	Norman A. Rodgers, Consultant, Mississippi Church Training Department
North Greenwood Greenwood	North Oxford Oxford	Oakhurst Clarksdale	Bill Latham, Consultant, Missis- sippi Church Training Department
First Booneville	First Starkville	Highland Laurel	Kermit S. King, Director, Mississippi Church Training Department
First Brookhaven			Bob McKee, Minister of Education, Broadmoor, Jackson

Starting Time: 7:00 P.M.

## FOR NEW CHURCH TRAINING DIRECTORS

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## EDITORIAL

### "What's Happening To American Morality?"

"What's Happening To American Morality?" is the title of a cover page article in the October 13 issue of the magazine U. S. News and World Report and the story the article tells is a shocker indeed.

The nation is awakening to the fact that a "moral crisis" has come to America, and that if we do not do something about it, it may destroy us as it has other nations in the past.

The news magazine story tells of how that a single word of profanity in a film thirty years ago shocked the nation, but that now nothing seems to shock us.

The article says concerning television, which it rates as the greatest though not the only cause of our trouble, that "on a typical Monday night in 1975, a television network aired three shows about police activities, back to back. Social problems included a married couple separated on Christmas Eve; a drunk menacing people in a bar with a broken bottle; a priest killed in a church; a drunken driver; a stripper; a Peeping Tom; six other killings; and more than a half-dozen woundings." All of this in one evening of TV.

The story reveals situations so sordid that we hesitate to repeat them here. It discusses the rape, prostitution, abortion, premarital sex, extra-marital relationships, blackmail, murder, drugs, gambling, drinking and drunkenness, etc., etc., all of them on TV and also in the movies, books, magazines, and music of our day.

The article says that TV "has moved ahead of home, church and school as the principal influence on morality."

Perhaps some of us may be prone to feel sorry for those places where this is happening, but have we opened our eyes to see what is happening in Jackson and in Mississippi? We like to think that our city and state have higher standards in these matters, but are we sure?

Look at the advertisements of the

moving pictures which are being shown in some of the theatres; watch some of the movies that are being shown on TV; watch some of the other programs on TV, and see the drinking, the gambling, the immoral living, and the violence. Many of us do not watch them, for we simply keep our TV sets turned off, save for news and some selected programs. But when we look at them we quickly are shocked.

How do you feel when those words move across the screen, "Parents, you may not want your children to see this film"? We have wondered what parents do in such a situation, if they do not turn the set off. And how about the sets in the children's rooms?

As we look with sickened heart at such things being brought into our homes, we have rejoiced that at least some of the worst films are kept behind the doors of theatres, and that they are marked "R" for restricted audiences.

Then suddenly last week we read in the newspapers an advertisement concerning "R" rated films, which can be seen on the home television, through special arrangements with the cable-television hookup. It is reported that Jackson is one of the cities where the availability of this service to cable-television customers is being tested. If it proves successful here, then it will be widely used across America.

Greedy men are willing to bring the vilest filth into American homes for a price. Not satisfied with what they already are doing to the nation, they have found a way to do even more and worse.

Surely it is time for an aroused people to rise up and say, "You shall not destroy our land, by undermining its moral fiber further." It is time to say "Stop!" If we do not, our situation soon may be like Sodom and Gomorrah. And remember, God destroyed them!

I am glad that some people are becoming aroused. A Jackson wife and mother called me to

discuss the cable-television home movie offer which had been given free to Jackson cable-TV customers last week, but for which charge will be made in the future. She told of the film shown the night before with its rape, murder, and other immoral scenes which she did not want in her home.

She did something about it! She called the cable-TV company strongly protesting the showing of the films; she canceled the cable service for her home; she began to try to enlist others to do the same things.

This is not all that can be done, but it is the first and simplest way to deal with such a situation, and it hits at the pocketbook, the place where it will be most quickly effective. If enough Christian people will do these things, we suspect that it will not be long until this movie series will be withdrawn.

America is becoming aroused. The Federal Communications Commission received more than 25,000 letters last year from viewers protesting sex and violence on TV. When magazines like U. S. News and World Report begin to speak out, a nation will begin to be alarmed. Preachers long have spoken on these things, and are beginning to speak out more. U. S. News says that "the Southern Baptist Convention" is one of the major groups which is aroused and is speaking out concerning the moral crisis.

We had better speak and act, and do it now. Soon it could be too late.

## Opportunity

Just a word to remind you not to miss the opportunity to hear Corrie ten Boom, when she appears at Jackson's Mississippi Coliseum, next Sunday, October 26, at 2:45 p.m.

On Thursday of last week about 200 pastors and church leaders had the privilege of a preview of the new film on Miss ten Boom's life, *The Hiding Place*. Seeing the film is an unforgettable experience in itself, and Mississippians can look forward to next March when it will be shown in theatres all across the state.

The film depicts how Miss ten Boom and her family, living in Holland, at the time of the German invasion in World War II, opened their home as a hiding place for Jews fleeing from the Nazis. Finally caught and arrested, all were sent to the dreaded Nazi torture camps. The father, the sister and some brothers died, but Corrie miraculously was released. Since then she has told the story of Christ and Christian love in nations around the world.

This probably is a once in a life time opportunity to hear this well known Christian, since she is speaking only seven times in America this year, and probably never will return here again. Mississippians will do well to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her next Sunday.



Impending Home Crusher

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

### Resents CLC Gun Control Action

Dear Dr. Odle:

As a Christian and a Baptist, I resent the action of the Christian Life Commission in regard to gun control. In the letter from the Commission to the President, and others in Washington, they assumed the position and attitude of all other liberal groups. That is, handguns, not the users, are responsible for shootings. If the laws already enacted, in regard to guns and killings, were enforced, the present situation would not exist.

Dictatorships begin with, first, the gun controls being promoted by the liberals, including the Christian Life Commission; second, the confiscation of all guns; and then the elimination of all personal freedoms, including that of worshiping God. This is not the desire of thinking Christian Southern Baptist people.

When a group within the Convention, such as the Christian Life Commission, takes action such as this the public tends to assume that it is speaking for all Southern Baptists. Nothing could be more erroneous.


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## On The MORAL SCENE...

**AMERICANS MORE GLOBAL-MINDED**—A panel of political pollsters, appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, testified that Americans are increasingly aware of U.S. responsibilities in world affairs—and this, despite preoccupation with domestic inflation and unemployment. The U. S. public sees our nation's involvement in global economic affairs in terms of the real interdependence of nations, not just of opposition to Communism—a "new internationalism." Congressman Gilman of New York quotes a Harris poll revealing that the U.S. public sees the elimination of world hunger as a top priority. Despite skepticism about the benefits of economic aid in the past, 52% favor giving aid if it could be assured that the aid ended up helping the truly needy—people of the poor countries. (Bread for the World, Newsletter 27, p. 3, October 1975)

**MISTER GOD, THIS IS ANNA** by Fynn (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 186 pp., \$6.95). This is a true story, extraordinary and enchanting. One of the publishers says of it, "In all my publishing experience of over 50 years I have never handled such an amazing story." Some thirty-five years ago, Fynn was walking on a foggy night in London when he found the bruised and terrified four-year-old Anna in the gutter. She would not tell from whence she came, so he took her home to his warm-hearted "Mum." Three years later, at the age of seven, Anna died of a tragic fall. This book is the story of the unusual friendship between Fynn and Anna. A magical, brilliant, enthusiastic child, Anna at five knew the meaning of love and was a personal helper of "Mister God." At six, she was a theologian, mathematician, philosopher, poet, and gardener. She died with a wide grin on her face, saying, "I'll bet Mister God lets me get into heaven for this." Only after thirty years had passed was the author able emotionally to recount Anna's story. His funny and heart-rending account has been described as being on the level with Paul Gallico's classic *Snow Goose*.

**MR. BEAR IN THE AIR; MR. BEAR'S TRUMPET; AND MR. BEAR GOES TO SEA**, written by Chizuko Kuratomi and illustrated by Kozo Kakimoto (Judson Press, paper, \$1.95 each). These three amusing little books, written for children and illustrated in bright full color, were first published in Japan.



### Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

## Careful How We Pray!

What if some of the prayers we pray were answered—in God's wisdom and way, giving us what we had asked, but by means we never had in mind? Let's look at some possibilities.

Some of us have prayed, "Lord, give me courage"; yet is praying that prayer we may not have realized that courage is not a gift: it is an achievement. Therefore, God may answer that prayer by giving us challenging opportunities or trying experiences, in the handling of which we can develop the strength of heart, which is courage. The answer came, but not by the means we had anticipated.

Many of us have prayed, doubtless, "Lord, give me faith," failing to realize that faith, too, is developed through actual practice of the belief in "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." If, therefore, situations arise which give us the opportunity to practice what we say we believe as victorious followers of Christ, God has, indeed, answered our prayer for more faith.

Others have prayed sincerely, "Lord, use me," unaware, perhaps, that God can use some of us in the strangest ways—ways which we never had in mind in praying that prayer! He may choose a way which, while immediately unwanted or even shocking to us, may bring us to our greatest strength and usefulness, blessing our world beyond our strongest imagination. Christ's cross, looked at on that long-ago dark Friday, seemed even to his followers and unmitigated tragedy. Looked at in the retrospect of two thousand years, the cross and Christ's victory over it became the turning point of history.

And we may wisely remind ourselves to be sure that we want what we are asking in praying, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"; for if HIS rule in our hearts should come, there would probably be immense alterations in our whole concept and conduct of our individual lives. . . . And when we sing the prayer, "Mold me and make me after THY will," we may well be asking for a complete transformation of our present patterns of life into patterns of life in which so much of the materialism to which we have clung will be missing!

It's something to think about when we pray!

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**GETTING INTO GOD** by D. Stuart Briscoe (Zondervan, Paper, \$1.50, 156 pp.) Practical guidelines to the Christian life are given in chapters on Bible study, prayer, and witnessing.

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## Henry Harris

Mississippi, Mississippi Baptists, and the Baptist Record lost a leader and friend last week in the death of Henry Harris of West Point.

He was a member of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee, and as a journalist himself had given valued support and wise counsel to your editor and his staff.

Mr. Harris was a man of unusual ability, a leader whose influence reached across his state, and far beyond. He was a worthy citizen, respected and beloved.

Moreover, he was a dedicated and active Christian. A deacon and Sunday school teacher in his church, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, and a member of the Baptist Record Advisory Committee, he served his church and denomination well.

His faith and spiritual depth were revealed in a beautiful editorial tribute to his first wife which was published in his newspapers at the time of her death, an editorial which we reprinted in the Baptist Record. The tribute revealed the deep faith, trust and devotion he had for his Lord and his church, and the love he had for his wife. Memories filled his heart on that day as he and his children faced the future without her, but he said, "We'll make it. . . God will provide the strength."

Now there is another companion, and the children now older, and all of the rest of us in the circle of friends, who are left behind. All of us will sorely miss him, but "We'll make it. . . God will provide the strength."

## NEWEST BOOKS

**A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME** by Steve Sloan (Broadman, 168 pp., \$4.95) A book on the Christian witness of a man who is called "America's youngest head football coach." Steve now is coach at Texas Tech, but was in 1973-74 the coach at Vanderbilt. He turned down an offer to be head coach at Ole Miss. He had played under Bear Bryant at Alabama and was on the Atlanta Falcon professional team for two years. Steve, a Baptist, who grew up in a small Tennessee town, is a Christian and not ashamed of his witness for Christ. The book reveals how his Christian character carries into his coaching life.

**HELLO BAPTISTS**, Directory of Southern Baptist Churches, 1975 Update (Sunday School Board, SBC, paper, 501 pp.) Southern Baptist churches included in this directory are those on a computerized list maintained by the Sunday School Board. All but above 500 of the approximately 35,000 Southern Baptist churches have submitted a statistical report to the denomination within the past two years. This list of churches and their addresses is in alphabetical order by state, post office, and church. The director will be helpful to churches communicating with other churches regarding requests for letters of transfer. Also, a church can provide information on churches in a certain geographical area to a family moving to that area. Order from the Materials Services Department, BSSB.

**THE BIBLE ATLAS** edited by Charles F. Pfeiffer (Broadman, 333 pages, \$9.95) Broadman edition of the Baker Bible Atlas, which has gone through 13 printings since its first was published in 1961. A well written, carefully prepared atlas of Bible lands. Twenty seven chapters provide latest available material on Bible lands. Hundreds of photographs, and many maps, some of them in color. A valuable tool for Bible teachers and students.

**PREACHING FOR TODAY** by Clyde E. Fant (Harper and Row, 196 pp., \$8.95) An outstanding teacher of preachers, who recently has left the Southwestern Theological Seminary classroom, to become pastor of a large Texas church, writes on preaching in the current scene. In this volume he seeks to lay at rest the myth that the "golden age" of preaching has just passed, and to show that present hour is ripe one for great pupil ministry. In a very practical yet very discerning manner he discusses the place of preaching, the preacher, the preparation, the actual preaching, and other matters related to the preaching of the Word.

**GENESIS, A STUDY GUIDE** by Leon J. Wood (Zondervan, 152 pp., paper, \$1.95) Another in Zondervan's popular paper back study guides for Bible students. The author of this volume on Genesis is a professor of Old Testament at Grand Rapids Bible Seminary in Michigan. Includes introductory material, and then covers the book section by section.

**THE REASON WHY** by Robert A. Laidlaw (Zondervan, paper, reprint, 47 pp., 60c) This small book by a New Zealand businessman is a testimony to his Christian faith. Over 16,000,000 copies of it have been printed and it has been translated into more than 30 languages.

**LIVELY PARTIES FOR ALL OCCASIONS** by E. O. Harbin (Baker, 351 pp., \$3.95) Here are great ideas for fall parties, spring parties, winter parties, summer parties, family parties. For parties with a theme, every detail is covered, from invitations to decorations, costumes, refreshments, and clean up. Besides all this, there are 200 additional games, stunts, and riddles.

**WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN IS THE MILLENNIUM?** by R. Bradley Jones (Baker, 144 pp., paper, \$2.95) Russell Bradley Jones is former head of the department of Bible and Religious Education at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. He is now retired. The author rejects the premillennial view and evidently accepts the position commonly called amillennialism. His last sentences in the book say that the millennium extends from the first appearing of Christ to the second appearing and exists in heaven and on earth. On earth it is in the hearts of believers. He says "When is the millennium? NOW!" This book reveals how that faithful students of the scriptures can differ in their interpretation of its message.

# Today's Youth

## "More Than Ever" In Ole Miss BSU

With school well under way, the Baptist Student Union at the University of Mississippi is experiencing an exciting year in Christian fellowship, growth, and outreach. More students than ever before are participating in the various activities of BSU which include: Thursday night fellowships, Koinonia groups, BSU Choir and Ensemble, mission trips, international cultural dialogues, and many other special events.

Top left: Leading the Ole Miss BSU this year are the members of the Greater Council. (Front Row from left) Beth Wall, Oxford; Melody McLemore, Sardis; Fred Rogers, Nettleton; Nancy Hornbeck, Sardis; Susie Noble, Brookhaven; (Row 2) Gale Wilson, Tupelo; John Maxwell, Webb; (back row) Bob Allen, Greenville; Ken Michel, Brookhaven; Billy Daniels, Vance; Steve Cade, Tupelo; Steve Foster, Tupelo; Alon Bee, Jackson; Lisa Hudson, Calhoun City; Jeff Mask, Atlanta, Ga.; and Mark White, McComb. Not pictured are Aubrey Coleman, Olive Branch; and Kent Moorehead, Oxford.

Top right: The BSU joined with First Baptist Church, Oxford, to give a free Coke and a warm welcome to Ole Miss students at registration.

Lower left: Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary to Nigeria, spoke to the Thursday Night Fellowship to provide a spiritual thrust for the year.

Lower right: Among the recreational activities at the Baptist Student Center is this all male sing-a-long led by Steve Douglas, Hernando.

Persons interested in acquiring further details of the BSU program at Ole Miss should write the director, Ron Boswell at The Baptist Student Union, Box 292, University, Ms. 38677.



## Young Baptist Says

### 'Shower Attention On Older People'

By Robert LaFavre  
MARIETTA, Ga. (BP) — Miss Betty Crow is a young woman who believes Baptist churches should shower as much attention on their older members as they do on younger people.

Miss Crow, in her early 20s,

came by her conviction honestly and through experience as a US-2 missionary (two-year program for college graduates) with the Home Mission Board. Her work with "mature adults" (a term she prefers) has caused her to realize that churches need specialists

in work with older persons as much or more than youths.

Miss Crow, a North Carolina native, accepted a position with First Baptist Church in Marietta, under the Home Mission Board's sponsorship, following her graduation from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., in 1973.

From the outset of her two-year ministry, she sought to impress upon those senior citizens with whom she worked that "from life you never retire nor from God's service. There is a purpose for you being here," she told her older friends.

Her two-year ministry has possibly blossomed into a career for the young single Baptist. Now manager of an adult day care center for the Marietta-Cobb County Service Center, Miss Crow says, "While churches strive hard to eliminate petty jealousy, rivalry and cliquishness among young people, so they must work just as diligently to develop among their oldest members a feeling of being a closely-knit segment of the church."

She notes there are groups in local churches — Sunday School classes, mission circles and others — that meet the needs of many older persons, but a feeling of belonging to the broader spectrum of older members needs to be cultivated.

"Every age group has special needs," she says. "Our older members need someone to help them reclaim themselves, gain their self-worth. Then they will have a positive effect on the rest of the church program."



## BMC Singers To Perform At State

The Blue Mountain Singers will begin their touring season with a performance during the annual dinner of the North Mississippi Industrial Development Association at the Union Building, Mississippi State University, on October 23. The 1975-76 Singers from the Blue Mountain area are pictured above. Nancy Ellis Robertson, associate professor of voice, directs the group.



## Homecoming Royalty At MC

These coeds will reign over 1975 Homecoming at Mississippi College Oct. 25, as the college celebrates its 150th year. They will be presented during halftime of the MC vs. Nicholls (La.) State football game set for 7:30 p.m. on Robinson Field. From the left are Melanie Taylor, Grenada, Freshman Maid; Lucy Bowen, Pontotoc, Sophomore Maid; Valerie Hewes, Woodville, Queen; Jan Ormond, Forest, Maid of Honor; Becky Orr, Jackson, Junior Maid; and Jan Ramsay, Tupelo, Senior Maid. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

## 313 Attend Youth Congress At Nassau

A Baptist Youth Congress was conducted by the Baptist Young People's Fellowship of the Bahamas National Baptist Convention (formerly called the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Education Convention) in Nassau, Bahamas, from August 18th to 22nd, 1975. The theme was "Encounter Christ—Share."

The teachers included Dr. Doris Johnson, President of the Bahamas Senate; Baptist school teachers (who are active in church work); Baptist ministers; and three Southern Baptist missionaries (Dr. and Mrs. Paul Early and Miss Antonina Canzoneri).

Dr. Nathan Porter, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, was guest speaker and teacher. The climactic drama, based on Bahamian Baptist history, was written and directed by Carlton Francis, Chairman of the Bahamas Development Corporation.

An unexpected 313 young people registered at the congress. Three of the islands other than New Providence (Nassau) were represented.

Southern Baptist missionary Antonina Canzoneri is the Consultant on the Youth and Student Work Committee of the Bahamas National Baptist Convention.

# 27 Young People In Montana Kidnap Pastor And Hold Him For Ransom

By ANNETTE TAYLOR  
Missoula Staff Writer  
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It was a drastic move for the 27 young persons of Trinity Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, to "kidnap" their pastor last Sunday and hold him for "ransom." But they are glad they did it.

Pastor Bill Phillips was taken from his home by the young members of his congregation Sunday at approximately 7 a.m., blindfolded, and held in the group's

hideout.

The kidnapers sent notes to Paul Borg, head of the music committee, and Bryce Wiscaron, chairman of the church building committee, saying that the pastor had been kidnapped and was being held for \$77.77 ransom—"the figure seven usually associated with being God's number."

They directed that the money be placed in a brown paper bag and dropped off by 2:30 p.m. that day in an old barn on the church

property.

The ransom note was read to the congregation during the Sunday worship services which had been taken over by the young kidnapers. They served as leaders of the service, ushers and choir members.

The leader of the group, Joe Stark, director of youth and evangelism at the church and organizer of the "kidnapping," said the kidnapers collected \$343 in ransom, \$265.23 more than they de-

manded for the return of Pastor Phillips.

Although all the kidnapers were identified by their parents and friends, no one is being prosecuted because it was all for a good cause.

"We did it (kidnapping the pastor) to get the people excited about raising money to build the new church building," Stark said.

"The congregation is going to have to raise quite a bit of money

to build the new addition to the church and the youth group wanted to do something to stimulate a lot of interest," he said.

With a continually growing congregation, 42 persons joining since Easter, the church has been outgrown, Stark said.

A building committee was formed last fall to plan the new building, and the architect's drawings were approved Wednesday night.

Upon approval of the plans, expected within six months, the Home Mission Board will lend Trinity the \$143,000 needed for the new building.

"We were really happy about the \$343 paid in ransom Sunday," Stark said. "And since Sunday, members of the congregation have given \$800. The treasurer reported Wednesday night that \$12,000 has been raised so far. It's great. And Jesus gets all the credit."

—Mark Leggett



## 38th Avenue Youth Choir Reports "Wealth Of Outreach"

The Youth Choir of 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, had a wealth of outreach this summer through mission vacation Bible schools, mission revival, park ministries, and the singing of the musical, "JOY," by Cates and Seabough. One of the backyard Bible schools was conducted in a govern-

ment apartment complex in Hattiesburg. Their 11th presentation was presented for the second time at their own church September 14th. This choir consists of 35 members. Jimmy McCaleb is minister of music and youth. Dr. James D. McLemore is pastor.



## Practical Nurses Organize Choral Group

Practical Nurse students at Mississippi Baptist Hospital have organized a choral group, and these vocalists are presently in rehearsal in preparation for upcoming activities at the hospital. Miss Kathy Bearden, director of student activities and director

of the hospital Baptist Student Union, is in charge of the organization. Director and pianist for the aggregation is Mrs. Nan Grantham, music assistant, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Like Mother (And Grandmother), Like Daughter (And Granddaughter)

By Marguerite Hill

When Dottie Eavenson was a student at Blue Mountain College, one would have guessed that her daughter, if she ever had a daughter, would be prankish and filled with a keen sense of humor, and that she would challenge officials concerning all student government rules

in the Handbook. Now Dottie is Mrs. Elton P. Gray, missionary to Okinawa, Japan. Her daughter, Becky Gray, a student at Blue Mountain, is freshman class chaplain and freshman class representative on the Student Government Council at her mother's alma mater.

Becky has shown the wholesome wit and entertaining sense of humor that are family characteristics. Added to these is her love for Blue Mountain College, its students and faculty. She is a favorite student in the dormitories, in the classrooms, and in church. She brought her church letter to Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church the first Sunday she arrived on campus for the 103rd annual session.

Becky graduated from Kubasoki High School in Okinawa, June of 1975. She loves Mississippi because her grandfather, the late Dr. Ira D. Eavenson of Marks, was a long-time Baptist minister of the state and because her grandmother, Marie Winston Eavenson, and her mother, Dorothy Eavenson Gray, chose Blue

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## Youth Evangelism Meeting Slated At Ridgecrest, Nov. 3-7

ATLANTA, Ga. — Some 300 ministers of youth from across the Southern Baptist Convention are expected to attend a Youth Evangelism Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Nov. 3-7.

Theme of the conference, sponsored by state evangelism secretaries, is "To Know Him."

The conference will feature addresses by Barry St. Clair, director of youth evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board; Stuart Briscoe, pastor of Elmbrook Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.; and Max Barnett, Baptist Student Union director at the University of Oklahoma.

Seminar topics include evangelizing the college student, discipleship for evangelism, proclaiming

Christ through Joy Explosion, devotional life for evangelism, spiritual gifts for evangelism, music in youth evangelism, training youth leaders for evangelism, and youth culture today.

Tuition is \$85 and \$70 for spouses. A deposit of \$20 should accompany reservations and should be mailed to Frank Crumpler, secretary of evangelism, P. O. Box 8568, Richmond, VA 23226.

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### Like Mother . . .

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Mountain as their college home.

In high school, Becky was the recipient of an Award of Drama and two Academy Awards for plays she participated in. She was a member of International Thespians Organization. Her hobbies are singing and team sports—basketball, football, swimming, and other types of athletics.

Born in Florence, Alabama, she is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Elton P. Gray, Southern

Baptist missionaries to Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan. She was an active and very interested member of the Koza Baptist Church in Okinawa. She is named for one of her mother's closest Mississippi friends who also attended Blue Mountain College, Becky Jo Lyon, the daughter of Clara Lee Hill Lyon, also a former BMC student. She is very proud of her name and loves the thought that she is named for a friend of her mother's, who is now Mrs. Wayne Rodgers of Austin, Texas.

Becky says she came to Blue Mountain because she wanted to attend a small Christian College for young women in a small Mississippi community. When asked what she wanted to do as a career profession after graduation she said, "I wanted my training for church choir directorship to be given at Blue Mountain."

She spent her first weekend off campus with her Grandmother Eavenson at Marks.

### Rock Bluff Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. William Caten has accepted the pastorate of Rock Bluff Church in Smith County.

Members of the church welcomed him on Oct. 5 with a reception held in the community center, after the evening service. The reception was followed by a potpourri.

Formerly pastor of Hopewell Church, Copiah County, Mr. Caten is a native of Milby, Alabama. He and his wife, Sheila, a native of Leland, have one daughter, Leah, age 16 months. They live in Jackson at 4379 El Paso.

Both Mr. Caten and his wife are graduates of Mississippi College. He is employed at the University Medical Center in the Accounting Department.

### Self - Starter

One's natural ability may be a birthright, but every man must furnish his own initiative.



Honored At Reception

Rev. Gary Bowlin, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Gloster, right, recently presented a Bible to Mickey Ann Jackson, left, from the church. Miss Jackson has surrendered to full Christian service, and hopes to become a foreign missionary. The church gave a reception for her, following a special service in her honor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monette Jackson.

### Friendship Deacon Dies

Lee Edward Gardner, 68, deacon at Friendship, Grenada, died suddenly at his residence on September 30.

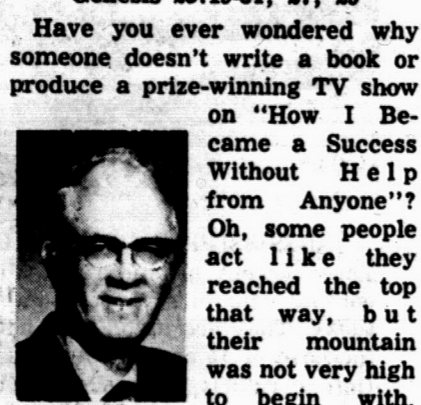
Funeral services were held October 2 in Grenada with Rev. Sherman Barnette, pastor at Friendship, and Rev. Darrell Bristoe, former pastor, officiating.

Mr. Gardner was retired from the U.S. Corp of Engineers and was a Royal Arch Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Richards Gardner; five sons, Larry of North Little Rock, Ark., Johnnie, of Jackson; Philip, of Memphis; Curtis of Southaven, Ronald of Grenada; one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Fowler, Jr. of Memphis; his mother, Mrs. Versie Gardner of Memphis; 16 grandchildren.

# Folly Of Self-Sufficiency

By Wm. J. Fallis  
Genesis 25:19-34; 27; 29



Have you ever wondered why someone doesn't write a book or produce a prize-winning TV show on "How I Became a Success Without Help from Anyone"? Oh, some people act like they reached the top that way, but their mountain was not very high to begin with. The people who really attain the peaks seem quite willing to pay tribute to the voters, their teachers, their families, the whole team. Really, there's no such person as a self-made man because everyone has been helped by others whether he admits it or not. It is the attitude of self-sufficiency which disappoints or irritates other people. Perhaps the greater fault is in the person who attempts to live as though there were no God. He is a law unto himself, and he brags about needing neither divine strength nor guidance. Both Jacob and Esau had that problem.

The Lesson Explained  
Esau Sells His Birthright  
Genesis 25:29-34

This is a dramatic little incident involving two young men who were brothers but in many ways quite different. Verse 27 paints them into the scene with a few deft strokes. The older Esau was the outdoors type; he liked to stalk and kill wild game; he was at home in the rough country, and all of this appealed to his father Isaac. The younger Jacob enjoyed staying at home in the tents. The word translated "plain" is used

elsewhere as perfect, blameless, mature, and quiet.

Jacob was boiling some lentils when Esau came in from a hunt. Very tired and hungry he begged for food, and Jacob seemed to sense that this was the moment he had been waiting for. He would sell the pot of lentils for Esau's unique possession, his birthright. Esau could not be bothered with something so intangible, especially when he thought he was dying. He made a deal with Jacob and even swore to give him the birthright. Then he ate and was filled and went on his way.

Some will feel that Jacob took advantage of his brother in his time of weakness and tempted him to do a foolish thing. But

Esau revealed in that trade how little he cared for the privilege God had given him in being the first-born and how little he depended on God to meet his needs. Jacob Deceives His Father And Edith Away

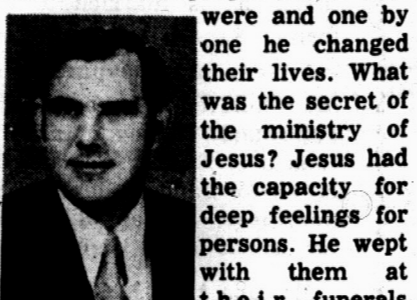
But Esau was not the only one who acted as though God did not matter. Chapter 27 tells a graphic story of intrigue, deceit, and family strife. Isaac thought his time was running out and made plans for Esau to receive his blessing as the elder son, but Rebekah and Jacob schemed against them. The blind father was fooled by the disguise and meat and expressed a strong, dying wish for power and prosperity for Jacob. This kind of blessing was thought to be irre-

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

## Sharing His Concern

Matthew 9:35-10:42  
By Bill Duncan

Jesus was different. He came to live with people and to love them. He met people where they



were and one by one he changed their lives. What was the secret of the ministry of Jesus? Jesus had the capacity for deep feelings for persons. He wept with them at their funerals and rejoiced with them at their weddings. When Jesus identified with persons in need, it was a prelude to mighty acts on their behalf.

Jesus turned the words of Christian truth into the deeds of Christian love. We are not truly Christian until our Christian belief issues in Christian action. The priest would have said that religion consists of sacrifice; the Scribe would have said that religion consists of law; but Jesus said that religion consists of love.

When Jesus saw the people's needs, He was "moved with compassion." The Bible used the word compassion to describe the action and love of Jesus. This is the strongest word for compassion in the Greek language. It describes the pity and the compassion which moves a man to the deepest depths of his being. He was moved to compassion by human pain from suffering. He was moved to compassion by the world's sorrow. The sight or thought of hunger called for power to help someone suffering from lack of food. He was moved with compassion by loneliness like the leper in isolation. He was also moved by the world's bewilderment in their life style. Man was searching for God but in the wrong way and places. The religious leaders were offering men a religion which was a burden instead of a support. The burden was so heavy. Jesus felt concern not to discourage but to encourage.

Early in Jesus' ministry he began to share his ministry with others. Because of the needs everywhere. He called his disciples not only to follow him but also to join him in his work. His

voice could reach so few. He wanted all men, women, youth and children to hear the gospel. The harvest will never be reaped unless there are reapers to reap it. Therefore, Jesus Christ needs men.

Although shepherds and harvesters were needed, the real need was more qualitative. Merely to have more religious leaders was not enough. The need was for people whose concern was not so much for keeping tradition and the like, but for people.

Jesus called twelve men to be his disciples or his staff. They would be trained to carry on his work when he had gone back to heaven. He chose very ordinary men who were capable of becoming, under his influence and power, special apostles.

But they primarily would share his concern for people. The diversity of the twelve was a magnificent tribute of Jesus to meet needs of all men and to bind them together in creative fellowship. Their common desire to meet others needs held them together.

Jesus gave to the twelve authority (power). The authority of Jesus, seen in word and work, is now shown to be extended to the twelve, through whom Jesus continued to enlarge his work. The work of the twelve was to be the same as that of their Master—healing, preaching and teaching with concern.

JESUS COMMISSIONED MEN

What a responsibility! The twelve as well as all the harvesters were to know the cost of discipleship and the unfailing resources available for the faithful disciples.

The first missionary program was to the Jews. This was for two very important reasons. (1) The Jews had a special place in the redemption plan of God. It was important that the Jews hear the good news first. (2) The restrictive commission may have been because of the limitations of the disciples themselves. It was a learning experience for future missions. The Jews were better able to understand God's act in Jesus better than any other.

The activities of the mission work was to be the same kind of work that they had seen Jesus do. The miracles would be eschato-

vocable; therefore, Isaac had little to give Esau when they discovered Jacob's treachery. Thus, Esau hated his brother and made up his mind to kill him after Isaac's death. Rebekah had won the blessing for her favorite, but he had to run to save his life.

Laban Tricks Jacob  
For Two Wives  
Genesis 29:21-30

Jacob lived up to the meaning of his name, "supplanter," but he met his equal in his Uncle Laban. From Canaan he went to Haran to make his home with Rebekah's brother. After Laban welcomed him, he stayed a month as a guest and then agreed to work seven years if Laban would give him Rachel as his wife. At the end of that time which "seemed unto him but a few days," Jacob called for his pay, and Laban planned a wedding feast. But because the bride was veiled, Jacob did not know until the next morning that he had married Leah.



## Care For Lepers In Bangkok, Thailand

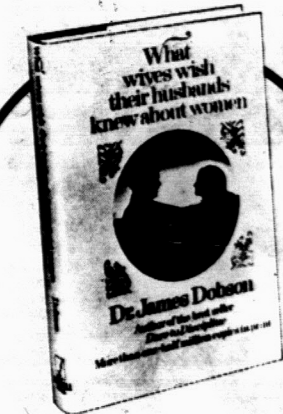
In Bangkok between the Baptist Book Store where I work and a large department store there are dozens of beggars. People rush by in a never-ending stream, busy and intent on their own affairs. Most of the beggars are lepers, their feet and hands all or partly gone, ulcerated festering sores aggravated by the grime and filth of the street, their begging cups holding hardly the price of enough food to sustain their diseased bodies, unloved, unwanted, without hope.

In stark contrast to this is the leper care unit of our Thailand Baptist Hospital near the city. Leper patients may come and live in a special dormitory that is clean and comfortable with good food provided while they receive the very best in medical care, repeated surgery by expert missionary doctors to restore mutilated fingers rebuilding enough of a hand that some work may be performed. As they recover they are taught the shoemaking trade so they can earn a living. Watching the missionaries at work tenderly washing the filth from diseased ulcerated feet we hear their testimony to the leper patient — "Because Jesus loves you." Here there is hope and there is love.

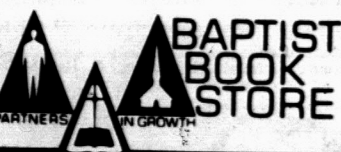
The funds to make all of this possible come from the Cooperative Program — the budget for the hospital, the extras, the doctors' salaries. This is only one small part of the Co-operative Program at work in Thailand — there are hundreds of others — but such a gratifying one as we see so many of the leper patients won the Lord during their months at the hospital, once despised, now healed, strong Christians able to return home to useful work. Thank God that Southern Baptists care.

Polly Morris  
Bangkok, Thailand

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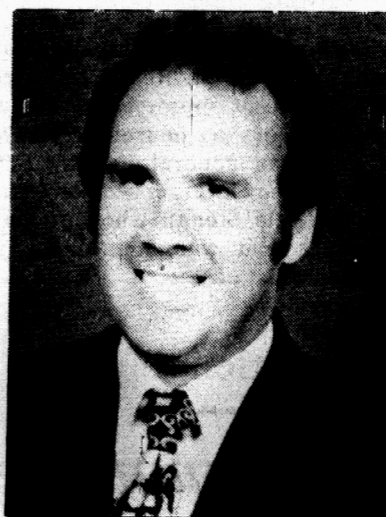
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## Mississippi Newsbriefs

## Just For The Record

## Oak Grove Buys Mobile Home For Pastorium

Oak Grove Church, Neshoba County has installed an all-electric, two bedroom mobile home as a pastorium.

Rev. Leonard Holloway is the pastor.

## Armistead Accepts Call To Hawaii

Dr. John G. Armistead has resigned as minister of activities of First, Meridian, to accept the pastorate of the Waimea Church, Waimea, Kauai, Hawaii.

A native of Meridian, he is a graduate of Mississippi College, Golden Gate Seminary and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Sandra Grant of Lafayette, California, and they have two sons, William, 6 and David, 3.

## Dedication Service At Rock Hill Church

Dedication of the remodeling and new furnishings of Rock Hill Church, Mt. Olive, will be held on October 26, with Rev. Kenneth Miller, former pastor, guest speaker at the morning and afternoon services.

The dedication will be held at the afternoon service, which will begin at approximately 1:30. All members aged 65 and over will be honored at the afternoon service.

Morning services begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., according to Rev. Thomas Balch, pastor.

## Eastabuchie Celebrates 92nd Anniversary

Eastabuchie Church, Lebanon celebrated its 92nd anniversary with homecoming services October 19.

Rev. T. K. Ford, Sr., pastor for the last thirteen years, brought the morning message. Special guests were the Songmasters from Pensacola, Florida, who sang for the morning hour and again in concert in the afternoon.

Dinner was served on the church grounds.



## Seminar For Officers And Teachers

Friendship Church, Grenada, held a seminar for Sunday School teachers and officers September 25-27. Rev. Finley Evans, director of missions, Grenada-Yalobusha Associations, led the seminar. Grenada County Agent Don Skelton of First Church, Grenada, spoke especially to teachers of adult classes. On the final night, those participating enjoyed a covered-dish supper. Charles Tribble, pictured above, is Sunday School director at Friendship. Rev. Sherman Barnett is pastor.

## Harvest Day At Egypt

Egypt Church, Egypt, will celebrate their annual "Harvest Day" on November 9. Rev. Leslie Dodson, pastor of Pine Bluff Church and former pastor of Egypt, will be in charge of the morning worship hour beginning at 11.

Because Egypt is a part-time church (2nd and 4th Sundays) "high attendance" day will also be held.

Lunch will be served and "The Latings", a gospel singing group from Memphis, will be in charge of the afternoon activities with singing and testimonies. Rev. Tom Hollowell is pastor.

## Garrett Speaks To "Young At Heart"

The "Young at Heart" of Central, Brookhaven, heard Bob Garrett speak on October 9. Mr. Garrett is employed with the Mental Health Complex in Brookhaven.

Officers of the "Young at Heart" are Mrs. Anna Sutton, president; Mrs. Sybil Norton, vice president; Mrs. Eunice Smith, refreshment chairman; Mike Grim, program director; Mrs. Dovie Callender, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Melba Sykes, reporter.

After the program, refreshments were served.

## Oakdale To Celebrate Centennial Nov. 2

Members of Oakdale (Rankin) will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the church's Sunday School, November 2, with Centennial Homecoming Day.

Features of the day will include Sunday school at 10, worship at 11, dinner on the grounds at 12:30, fellowship and gospel singing in the afternoon. Former pastors, deacons, and Sunday School teachers are especially urged to attend.

## Senior Citizens Swell Attendance At Pine Grove

Sunday School leaders at Pine Grove (Neshoba) sponsored Senior Citizens' Day recently, to honor the older members of the church. Those under 65 brought dinner for everyone present.

In a Sunday School with 182 enrolled, Pine Grove has fifty senior citizens. Total attendance on the special day was 191, with 82 visitors recorded. Every class had good attendance.

"Senior adults can really count!" says the pastor, Rev. R. R. Newman. "The Sunday School director, Paul Killen, was thrilled." Promotion of the event began two months in advance.

First Church, Summit has added two staff members, Curtis Brewer, the new Minister of Music, is a senior of Mississippi College. Graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brewer of McComb. For the past four years he served as minister of music at First Church, Magnolia. John Moore of New Orleans is the new associate pastor - minister to youth. He is a second year student in the Master of Divinity program at New Orleans Seminary and is married to the former Sharon Lynn Penny. He is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University where he served as BSU president and as summer missionary to Canada. He has been the associate pastor at Parkview, Metairie, La., for the past two years. Rev. Larry W. Fields is pastor.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Grads at Southern Seminary—Three recent graduates of Mississippi College discuss their coming year of study at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. They are among 600 new students at the seminary, an increase of 41 percent over last fall's entering class. Pictured (left to right): Butch Hood, Ellen Fleming, and Rick Wilson.

## Names In The News

Elmo McLaurin has begun his fifth year as minister of education at Highland, Meridian. He served previously in Laurel, and Beaumont, Texas.

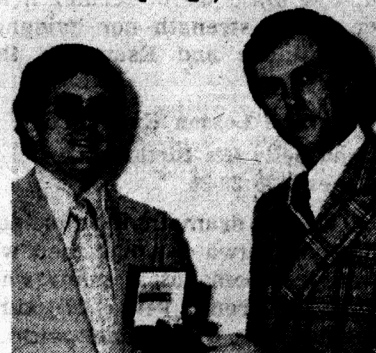
A graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary, he is married to the former Sandra Pryor of Laurel. They are the parents of four children, Tanya, Stuart, Julie and Tiffany. Mr. McLaurin is Sunday School director for Lauderdale Association, Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton is pastor at Highland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Glenn Morris, missionaries to Thailand on furlough, may be addressed at 5001 N. Oak Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118. He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1946, he was pastor of rural Kentucky churches.

Rev. Larry Sweet is the new pastor of Silver Springs (Pike). He moved on the field September 27 and is attending William Carey College.

Rev. Robert Carlisle, pastor of Big Ridge, Biloxi, reports that the church has called a new full-time minister of education and outreach, C. F. Watkins. Mr. Watkins is retired from the Air Force and is serving the church as director of kindergarten also.

Rev. D. K. Harris is now living full time on the church field at Mt. Zion (Pike). He previously commuted from Denham Springs, La.



First Church, Biloxi honored Leon Bedsole, minister of music, on the occasion of his Fifth Anniversary, Oct. 5. Don King, left, Personnel Committee Chairman, presented Mr. Bedsole an Omega Seamaster watch during the 11 a.m. service. A reception was held honoring the Bedsole family. The anniversary observance was planned by the Personnel Committee to convey appreciation for these years of outstanding leadership that Mr. Bedsole has given since moving to First Church, Biloxi from Pensacola, Florida, in 1970. Rev. Frank W. Gunn is pastor.

Dr. Jack Lyall, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Mississippi College, has accepted the call to be minister of music at Wildwood Church, Clinton. He goes from Hillcrest, Jackson, where he served as minister of music for the past 10 years in conjunction with his Mississippi College duties.

A graduate of Oklahoma A & M, Dr. Lyall earned his Master's and Doctor's degrees at Teachers College, Columbia University, where he also taught voice and music education. Widely known for his excellence as a music professor, author, and choral director in college and university setting, he has always balanced his academic calling with service in a local church. He is married to the former Marianne Thomas. They have six children, and 10 grandchildren. Dr. Fred Womack is pastor of Wildwood.

Clifton Church, Rt. 3, Forest, has presented Sunday School perfect attendance pins to the following: Pansy Jarrell, tenth year; Marcia Jarrell, ninth year; Barbara Jarrell, 14th year; Bobby Thrash, fifth year; and Sheila Thrash, fifth year.



## Springfield Honors Four For 106 Years

During September, Springfield Church, Morton held appreciation month to honor all of those who have served during the past year in Sunday School, Church Training and as general officers. Four outgoing workers were recognized for their faithful service by giving a combined total of over 106 years to Springfield Church. Rev. Ron Mercer, pastor, presented each of them with a plaque of appreciation. Pictured are Prentiss Cooper, who has served 28 years as church clerk, Mrs. Leslie Cooper, who has served 44 years as general Sunday School secretary, and Mrs. Gladys Winstead who has served as church treasurer for 12 years. Not pictured is Argie Stegall who has served as building fund treasurer for 22 years and was one of the first trustees of the church. Rev. Ron Mercer is pastor.

## Concord Has New Dining Hall

Concord Church, Franklin County, recently enjoyed family night covered dish supper in their new dining facilities.

## Mississippi Secretaries Earn PEP Certification

NASHVILLE — With the Church Secretary's Personal Enrichment Program (PEP) a year old, church secretaries from Mississippi have completed requirements for certification under the PEP system.

The church secretaries include Dora Blaney Immanuel Church, Natchez; Ruth Brown, DeSoto Association, Hernando; Elaine Jenkins, First Church, Nesbit; Jackie Richardson, First Church, Southaven; Sandra Williamson and Jannie Wiseman, both of Colonial Hills Church, Southaven.

PEP was launched last year, and in that time over 1,200 church secretaries have joined the program, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary of the church administration department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. At this time, 119 church secretaries throughout the Southern Baptist Convention have completed requirements to be certified.

## Pastor's Mother Dies At 110

Mrs. Sallie E. Reeves, 110 years old, formerly of Brandon, died Wednesday morning, Oct. 15, at a nursing home in Rankin County, after an extended illness. She was the mother of Rev. J. L. Reeves of Brandon, pastor of Paul Truitt Memorial Church.

Services were held Friday, October 17, at Baldwin Funeral Home in Pearl. Interment was at the Shady Grove Methodist Church Cemetery.

A native of Kosciusko, Mrs. Reeves was the mother of nine children. Survivors in addition to her pastor son include two daughters, Mrs. Ella Adams of Bakersfield, Calif., and Mrs. Ida Smith of Weir; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

JURBISE, Belgium — The International Baptist Church here, serving the NATO community composed of 14 nations, enrolled 105 in its Vacation Bible School.

## Small Sunday School Leadership Retreat Set

RIDGECREST, N. C. — A Holiday Retreat for Sunday School Leaders from small churches and their families will be held Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27-29, 1975, at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Provisions are being made for the entire family at the Holiday Retreat according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

He also reports that this is the first Sunday School Leadership Conference specifically planned at Ridgecrest Conference Center for leaders and families from Sunday Schools with fewer than 150 enrolled or organized according to classes rather than departments.

Teacher training groups will observe children attending the retreat in preschool and children's demonstration departments. A Youth Bible Conference is scheduled for young people, and leadership training classes will be provided for all adults.

The Ridgecrest Holiday Retreat

is patterned after other Sunday School weeks at conference centers, but only small churches are invited to this retreat. The conference will include two nights and six meals, beginning with the evening meal on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day), and concluding Saturday at noon.

Cost of the retreat will be \$27 per person, based on the occupancy of two persons to a room. This cost includes meals, lodging, insurance and the conference services fee. Preschoolers over two years old will be charged half-price. For children two years and under, the only cost will be the \$2 conference services fee. The family rate will be a maximum of \$75 when the entire family stays in one room.

Reservations for the Holiday Retreat may be made by writing to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C., 28770. The conference services fee (\$2 per person) should accompany each reservation request and will be applied to the total cost.

## Roy And Mildred Pittman Scholarship Is Established At Clarke College

There is a senior citizen on the Mississippi Gulf Coast who holds the distinction of being the oldest man to begin sky-diving, according to all records available. But exciting as Roy W. Pittman's new hobby is, sky-diving is not the only distinctive activity in which this 70-plus young man has become involved.

According to Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke College president, within recent weeks he has established at Clarke the Roy and Mildred Pittman Scholarship, honoring the memory of his deceased wife, Mildred McIntosh Pittman. The initial gift will provide a scholarship of \$300-\$350 each year for a ministerial student to be selected by Clarke College administration. The principal will remain intact and will be added to from time to time by Mr. Pittman and his family. An increasing number of ministerial students will receive scholarships each year as the earnings grow.

Mr. Pittman, a member of Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, has been a leader in youth related work through his adult life, having worked in Scouting, in RA leadership, as Crafts Leader in Vacation Bible Schools and as boxing instructor for private athletic clubs. He is currently engaged in organizing Gulf Coast Junior National Rifle Clubs. Employed by the Federal Government in other years, he has operated his own automotive business for the past 25 years.

Mrs. Pittman was born in Summit, the daughter of Wiley S. and Emily Johnson McIntosh. The Pittmans were the parents of two daughters: Mrs. J. R. Sweet and Mrs. Doris Pittman Marmande, RN. Mrs. Sweet (Edith) attended Clarke, and her daughter, Deborah Roxanne, received the Associate in Arts degree at Clarke last spring. Other grandchildren include Linda Courtney Sweet, Elizabeth Marmande Roberts, Michael Francis Marmande and David Roy Sweet.

## Off The Record

A little boy was riding home from church with his preacher daddy. He said, "Daddy, was what you said today true, or were you just preaching?"

The private was making a fervent request for leave on the grounds that his wife urgently needed him at home. Finally his commanding officer asked, "Do you place your wife before duty to your country?"

"It's not that," the GI replied, "but the army's got three million men taking care of my country, but as far as I know, I'm the only one taking care of my wife."

He got the furlough. — LEO AIKMAN

Overheard in a dentist's office: "I read somewhere that George Washington had false teeth made out of wood. Is that true?"

"Yes. And the last time he took a toothpaste test he had 23 percent fewer knotholes."

The dentist told the millionaire oilman that his teeth were in perfect condition. But the oilman replied, "Drill anyway. I feel lucky today."

Sign in a restaurant: "The silverware isn't medicine. Don't take it after meals."

"Where did you meet your wife?"

"At a travel bureau. I was looking for a vacation spot and she was the last resort."

## Revival Dates

Egypt (Chickasaw): October 27-29; Rev. Joel Haire, pastor of First, West Point, evangelist; Rick Carter, minister of music at First, Houston, and Mrs. Carter, in charge of music; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Tom Hollowell, pastor.

Braxton (Simpson): Oct. 27-Nov. 2; 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Dan West, evangelist; Bill Barnes, music director; dinner to be served Sunday, Nov. 2; Rev. G. P. Bufkin, pastor.